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New OES Officers Are Installed

Officers of the OES were installed Wednesday, April 13, by Mrs. Irene Wait, Greenfield, matron; Willis Parker, patron; Mrs. Elizabeth Hewitt, Greenfield, marshal; Mrs. Florence Streeter, Mt. Vernon, organist, and Miss Ruth Field, soloist.

Installed were: Mrs. Helen Stearns, matron; Ralph Forsyth, patron; Mrs. Eleanor Reed, associate matron; J. William Wilde, associate patron; Mrs. Sidney Given, secretary; Miss Gladys Ellithorpe, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Holbrook, conductress; Mrs. Marion Dean, associate conductress; Mrs. M. Florence Wilde, chaplain; Mrs. Gertrude Morgan, marshal; Mrs. Esther Leonard, organist; Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, Ada; Mrs. Ruth Bolton; Ruth; Mrs. M. Eva Fox; Esther; Miss Esther Bentley; Martha; Mrs. Jennie Warnock; Electa; Mrs. Elizabeth Pallam; warder; and Philip Mann, Jr., sentinel.

The reception committee were: Mrs. Beatrice Harris, Mrs. Dorothy Bolton, and L. Percy Goodspeed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23, VFW Broadcast 4:45 p.m. WHAI.
April 25, Meeting of Franklin County Brotherhoods at the Trinitarian Congregational Church.
Upsala College Choir, Brattleboro, Vt., 8 p.m.
April 26, Haven H. Spencer Post, AL, town hall, 8 p.m.
Girl Scout Open House at town hall at 8 p.m.
April 27, VFW meeting, 8 p.m., Post Quarters.
April 28, OES Forum, town hall 8 p.m. Subject: Regional Consolidation.
April 30, VFW Broadcast 4:45 p.m. WHAI.
May 2, P.T.A. Annual supper and election, town hall at 8:30 p.m.
May 13, Red Men meet, Grange hall 8 p.m.
May 24, OES meeting, town hall, 8 p.m.

Town Topics

Jim Neigh of East Northfield has acquired, what appears to be, the real granddaddy of all jukeboxes. The machine, more than thirty years old, plays what apparently were his tunes of the first World War.

Community Club No. 4 has resumed the sponsorship of their Friday night dances in Union Hall, beginning April 22. New signs now adorn the hall of the Northfield Farms group.

Edgar H. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore, summer residents of East Northfield, has been elected President of the Outing Club at Wesleyan University, where he is in his junior year.

WEATHER STATION REPORT

The following data is compiled from the weather station located on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Max.	Min.
April 14	72	55
April 15	68	46
April 16	68	47.5
April 17	62	36
April 18	47	
April 19	52	
April 20	50	

* Minimum thermometer broken.

ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts.

Unto Hantunen will be the speaker.

The CPC To Hold Consolidation Forum

The Central Planning Committee sponsored forum to be held at the town hall on April 29, Friday, should a wide audience, for it will deal with a subject that is close to the interests of not only this town, but of the four other towns in School Union 22 — Gill, Leyden, Bernardston and Warwick.

As was announced before, Supt. F. Sumner Turner will lead the discussion of Regional Consolidation, while it is anticipated that Sen. Ralph Mahar of Orange will also be present during the evening. Sen. Mahar, it may be recalled, was chairman of the special recess commission of the State Legislature investigating the school needs of the Commonwealth.

The CPC has made plans to air several preliminary forums through the facilities of radio station WHAI in order to acquaint more people with the importance of the impending forum on April 29.

No. 4 Community Club Elects New Officers

The No. 4 Community Club held its annual meeting and election of officers on April 14, with the following officers elected to serve for the coming year.

Francis Brennan, president; Frank Thader, vice-president; Norman Fowler, secretary, and Lawrence Hammond, treasurer.

Executive committee members are Jack Young, Glenn Billings, Alice Billings, Ray Silvoni, Robert Shearer and Virginia Leach. The president is also included in this committee. Sunshine Committee is Mrs. Olive Leach, Mrs. Ethel Fowler and Mrs. Gertrude Luey; Social committee, Stella Zalkowski, Jane Thader, Dorothy Rice, Walter Scoble, Grace Young, Harold Parsons, Albert Rice Agnes Hammond and Mrs. Robert Russell.

Membership is open to anyone interested. Meetings will be discontinued during July and August. The executive committee has been enlarged from four to six members, and retiring president Albert A. Rice was given with a tie pin for his work during the past two years.

Drive-In Theatre May Open May 1st

Unofficial sources have it that the Northfield Drive-In Theatre located on the Hinsdale road, at the State Line, will open its gates for the summer season on the first of May.

The Northfield Post, 9874, V. F. W., will again operate and staff the concession booth at the theatre.

Commissioners do Not Seek Salary Hike

Franklin County Commissioners are the only ones in the state who do not seek a salary increase this year, it was pointed out at a budget hearing of the legislative committee on counties in Boston yesterday.

Chairman Samuel U. Streeter, Carlos Allen of Deerfield and Roy French of Orange, commissioners, presented a 1949 budget request of \$319,997.20 to the committee. This compares with the 1948 budget of \$291,882.64.

The committee heard budget requests from Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin county commissioners yesterday and asked only one question of the local county group, Streeter said today. The query was to determine if the Franklin county men had asked a salary increase and the answer was in the negative he said.

School Committee Plans for Next Year

The Northfield School Committee met at the Center School on April 19, with all the members present. The minutes of the last regular and two special meetings were read and approved. Mrs. Virginia Raymond was reappointed as music supervisor for the coming year. Plans were made to obtain an outstanding speaker for graduation. The obtaining of protective screens for the rear of the High School building was discussed. The revision of the bus schedules was studied and approved. Notice of these changes has been sent by the pupils to their parents. The invitation to attend the Franklin County School Association was read and plans were made to be well represented. Various methods of accommodating the additional class for next year were studied. Mr. Irving J. Lawrence was elected as delegate to the Special Action Committee of Union 22 School Committee. It was voted to install two outdoor basketballs and basketball baskets on the playground. Plans were made to install the jungle gym now on order. A new meter to regulate the use of electricity in the cafeteria was also installed. Considerable progress was made in the revision of the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee.

The weekly prayer and praise service conducted by Dr. Edward Fairbank, every Thursday at 4:15, has been resumed. Announcement of each week's meeting appears in the Congregational Church calendar. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Helen Bassett is attending a conference of the Free Methodist Churches in Dover, N. J.

The Upsala College Choir, under the direction of Miss Grindeland, who is well known at the Northfield Schools, will appear at the First Baptist Church in Brattleboro, Vt., on Monday at 8 p.m., April 25, under the sponsorship of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Brattleboro.

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Girl Scout Open House For April 26

The Girl Scout Troop Committee met last week at the home of Mrs. James Gillespie with the following members and leaders present: Mrs. Robert Wert, Mrs. Donald Hayes, Mrs. Albert Raymond, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Harold Briesmaester, Mrs. Benjamin Andrews, Jr., and Mrs. Gillespie. A change in the date of the Play Day for lone troops in the Upper Pioneer Valley was announced. The Play Day will be held in Northfield on May 21. The theme will be Juliette Low and World Friendship. Girls from each town will choose a different country and perform some of its songs and dances.

The committee made plans for an Open House for mothers, fathers and adult friends of Northfield brownies and scouts to be held in Alexander Hall on Tuesday, April 26, at 8 o'clock. The committee is especially eager to get acquainted with the parents of the scouts and brownies and to have their suggestions. After refreshments have been served, the leaders will speak very briefly on the progress and plans of the troops. There will then be an opportunity for suggestions and questions. The committee feels that it is very important for parents to know more about the scouting program and urges all parents to attend. Mrs. D. M. Jewett, Jr., Mrs. Albert Raymond, and Mrs. William Nelson are planning the affair.

The troop committee members were urged to attend the forum on the Regional High School on April 23.

Upsala College Choir In Brattleboro, Apr. 25

"This should be the beginning of a tradition at Upsala of which the College may well be proud," wrote a music critic in 1940 after hearing the Upsala College Choir in a guest performance at Yale University during their initial season. It marked one of the few times that a mixed chorus had appeared in this strictly men's college.

The choir has been amply justified. Under the direction of Gladys Grindeland, the choir of seventy members has developed and is now ranked with the foremost college choirs in the country.

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Institute Auxiliary To Northfield Post

The Auxiliary to the Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., was instituted in a colorful ceremony before more than 150 spectators at the town hall last Saturday night.

Following the institution of the Auxiliary by State Department President Mrs. Amy Benoit of Somerville, the officers of the new group were installed and they included: President, Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe; Junior vice-president, Mrs. Sidney Given, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Clark; chaplain, Mrs. Alfred Holton; Conductress, Mrs. Stanley Johnson; Trustees, Mrs. Edward Luciw, Mrs. Stanley Bistrek and Mrs. Windom Holloway; color bearers, Mrs. Phoebe Stacy, Mrs. Leonard Holloway, Mrs. Donald Huber, Mrs. Harry Holloway; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Stanley Payson; Flagbearer, Mrs. James Goodwin; Banner Bearer, Mrs. Andrew Stacy.

The Greenfield Relief Corps presented a patriotic instructors flag to the Auxiliary, while the Franklin County Council presented four American flags to the ladies of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Alice Bouchard presented a Bible.

Assisting the Department President during the ceremonies were: Mrs. Claire O'Neill, Dept. vice-president, Brookline, and Mrs. Teresa Stacy, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer, of Boston. Also participating in the institution and installation were: Mrs. Mary Johnson, Orange, District president; Mrs. Ruth Holton, Greenfield; Mrs. Leta Bates, Greenfield; Mrs. Catherine Curtis, Greenfield; Miss Mary Drumgool, Greenfield; Mrs. Alice Urdiel, Turners Falls; Mrs. Doris Bannach, President of the Turners Falls Auxiliary; Mrs. Catherine Woodard, past-president of the Turners Falls Auxiliary; Mrs. Vera Beaudoin, Greenfield; Mrs. Nora Lavie, active for 25 years in Auxiliary affairs and a past State president of the DAV.

Other members of the Auxiliary instituted with the officers were: Mrs. Helen Bednarski, Mrs. J. W. Bonniot, and Mrs. Lucy Edson.

Officers not present for the institution were: Mrs. Mark Wright, Senior Vice-President and Chaplain; Mrs. H. Keith Jacobson.

Dept. Commander Emilio F. Marino, assisted by Arthur Hurley, Brookline, and John Norton, Alder to the Commander, presided over the ceremonies installing the officers of the Northfield Post 9874.

County Tax Rates No Local Rate Yet

In addition to the previously published tax rates, the following county towns have announced new rates:

Whately, \$27 — up \$3; Deerfield, \$36 — up \$3; Charlemont, \$32 — down \$23; Gill, \$32 — up \$2; Leverett, \$54 — down \$1; New Salem, \$45 — down \$5.

No announcements have been made concerning the tax rate in Northfield.

Following the ceremonies refreshments were served, at which time Commander J. W. Bennett presented a corsage to Mrs. O'Keefe, president of the new Auxiliary, and Mrs. Keefe in turn presented a corsage to Mrs. Benoit, Dept. President. The Auxiliary presented a corsage to Mrs. Stanley Johnson in

CUNNINGHAM — "QUIT BEING AFRAID" NO NEED TO FEAR — TIME TO GO ON

In a hard punching speech before a large audience at the town hall Bill Cunningham, Boston Herald Columnist, called upon his listeners to "pull our communities together" and "quit being afraid."

Under the sponsorship of the Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., the noted and well traveled sports and war correspondent, last Monday night, cited the closing phrase of Winston Churchill's recent Boston speech, "Fearing God and none else", in urging his audience to "think harder, punch harder and pray a lot harder."

Cunningham opened his address with a brief look into the world of baseball, and picked both Boston teams, the Red Sox and the Braves to win the pennants in their respective leagues. He went on to say that unless Walt Drope, the huge new Sox first sacker, was able to hit the Across-the-letters curve balls, he might have trouble in sticking in the big leagues.

Alliance Marks 40th Birthday With Party

Signaling the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Afternoon Alliance of the Unitarian Church three of the original members, Mrs. N. D. Alexander, Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. C. H. Webster, received corsages of red roses. The group met with Mrs. Charles Leach and marked the occasion with a yellow and silver decorated cake. Mrs. J. V. McNeill spoke on her winter in Florida.

The nominating committee, Mrs. H. M. Haskell, Mrs. C. H. Webster, Mrs. G. N. Kilder and Mrs. J. W. Field presented the following slate of officers for the year: Mrs. O. D. Doolittle, president; Mrs. J. V. McNeill, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Neal, recording secretary; Mrs. C. H. Webster, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Frank Williams, Treasurer.

Program committee are Mrs. O. D. Doolittle, chairman, Mrs. J. V. McNeill, Mrs. David Cook, Mrs. Grace Whitely, and Mrs. N. D. Alexander, secretary.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. Fred Irish, Mrs. George Kilder, Mrs. Charles Leach, Mrs. Selah Harriman, Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. E. M. Morgan, and Mrs. Leola Woods; social service, Mrs. J. V. McNeill, chairman, Mrs. George Kilder, Mrs. William Barr, Mrs. J. W. Field, Mrs. Robert McCastline; flower, Mrs. George Kilder, chairman, Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. Charles Slate, Mrs. Selah Harriman, and Mrs. Myron Dwight; churchmanship and inter-church committee, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, and Mrs. Richard Sechrist; religious education, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. O. D. Doolittle.

The program for the evening opened with the film "Joe's Kid", which told the story of the National Home maintained by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

The projector and sound system was operated by Harold Lord.

Town Topics

District 11, of the Massachusetts P.T.A. will hold the spring conference at the Greenfield High School on Tuesday, April 26, with registration at 2:45 p.m. registration at 2:45 p.m.

recognition of her work as president of the Women's Service Organization. The WSO had been the unofficial affiliate of the Northfield Post 9874, but with the Saturday night ceremony it became officially the Auxiliary. Gifts were also presented to the installing officers who had participated in the Auxiliary ceremony.

Mrs. Mott P. Gulse, presided over the refreshments, and due to the press of duties was not instituted into the Auxiliary — a ceremony which will take place at the next meeting.

Guests were present from many of the VFW posts and Auxiliaries of Franklin County. Harold Lord presided over the sound system.

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'Stand up - be Counted'

In his very forceful talk last Monday night, Bill Cunningham used a number of phrases that can stand as guideposts to all people in their daily living, whether they think of the state, the nation, or their own community.

"Quit being afraid..."
"Pull our communities together..."

"Fear is the common denominator..."
"Be willing to stand up and be counted..."

"These are wonderful times to be living in..."
With the continued development of the swimming pool project and the increasing interest in Regional Consolidation, it is indeed time, we pulled our communities together for unified consideration of these topics.

With the swimming pool committee nearing the end of its preliminary investigation, the time for a decision is at hand.

The Regional Consolidation forum on April 29, sponsored by the Central Planning Committee, should do much to point the way to future action on this most important issue.

The developments of these two projects has reached the point where it is of immediate concern to everyone in the town, and to give both ideas their fullest consideration.

Now is the time to ask yourself if you are "willing to stand up and be counted."

Northfield Choirs To Sing in Greenfield

Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen of Princeton Theological Seminary will be guest preacher in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel this Sunday at 10:30 a. m. At the Northfield School for Girls the Reverend Herbert King of Grace Congregational church in New York City will speak at the 11 o'clock service in Mount Hermon Chapel.

This evening (Friday) students of piano and voice at Northfield School for Girls will give a recital in Phillips Hall. On Sunday afternoon a group of thirteen girls and twelve boys selected from the Estey and A Capella choirs at Northfield and Mount Hermon will sing at a vesper service in the Second Congregational Church of Greenfield. The group will be under the direction of Mr. Albert R. Raymond with Mr. Carlton L. Hommedieu accompanying.

Dr. William E. Park will be guest preacher at the Sunday morning service at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall will preach at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, this Sunday morning.

Town Topics

Gaylord W. Douglas has been ill at his home and was unable to attend the Easter morning breakfast of the Men's Bible Class of the Congregational Church. Mr. Douglas is the class teacher.

More than twenty members, and guests, of the Bible Class attended the Easter morning breakfast, with Edgar J. Livingston presiding in the absence of Messrs Douglas and Daly. Singing, and the reading of poems followed, with short messages by Dr. George A. Bronson, George H. Sheldon, H. H. Morse, Harry Sanborn and the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Your Share?

Northfield, Mass.
April 21, 1949

Dear Editor:

My feelings have been mingled and rather difficult to express since Bill Cunningham's appearance here last Monday evening. Two days of contemplation and three nights of sleeping upon same were necessary to align Cunningham's statements with certain of my own ideas in order to complete the mental jigsaw puzzle created by the Boston Herald columnist's impromptu address. Then again I wanted to be triply sure that I had not been momentarily caught up by the emotionalism of the speaker's convictions. Under the ribald banter, the humor, and the picturesque linguistic veneer of the columnist and globe trotter, there was a vital message.

We are all caught up in little fears, and sometimes overpowering doubts try to creep into one's marrow. Bill Cunningham mentioned the possible, positive aspects of fear and then spoke about the "dignity of man." Men, unlike other animals, is willing to do more than he has to do for self-preservation. That is man's saving grace — his religion, his philosophy of life, or by whatever name he wishes to call it. Man does not need to sit back in the rubble of war's aftermath passively, apprehensively, apathetically, for he can down his fears in meeting each new challenge. Man can do more than is required of him by rising up and rebuilding and expanding his horizons.

Each of us, at times, feels and thinks to himself, "What can I, as an individual, accomplish in bringing about a better world today for tomorrow; and for our children's tomorrows?" Bill Cunningham's answer to such a question was summed up in his analysis of the Italian elections. What was accomplished by Ambassador Dunn of our State Department! What was accomplished by the seal and drive of one individual, a barber in Southampton, Long Island, when he decided to do something about the election personally? (May I urge each of you to read page 8, April issue of the Readers Digest to find the answer.)

I feel that Monday's address was a challenge to our town and to each of us as individuals. How many others in that audience sensed a like challenge? I believe that you folks who did not avail yourselves of that opportunity, have missed much. May I suggest that you urge your local VFW post to again bring Bill Cunningham to our community. Northfield is a beautiful town! We have a rich heritage here. What are we going to do about developing a better community? It is up to each of us as individuals to participate.

Are YOU going to preserve your Human Dignity?

Are YOU going to do more than your share?

Sincerely,

Mott P. Gnass

Local Summer Resident to Study in England

William Jay Peck, the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck of Ostunco, Guatemala, who will be graduated from Yale this June, has been awarded a fellowship by the Charles and Julia Henry Fund for a year's study at Cambridge University in England. The fellowship carries a grant of \$2400 a year and is designed to "cement bonds of friendship" between England and the United States. The fund was established by Lady Julia Lewisohn Henry. Bill Peck is well known in East Northfield where he spent many summers, and at Mount Hermon School from which he was graduated Cum Laude.

VIVID RECOLLECTION

by Phil Porter

At the risk of repetition I feel it my civic duty to give a more complete and accurate account of this unusual incident. Tradition, in this instance, had become such a persistent story that a well established custom prevailed which made it mandatory to accept it as authentic. If, then, it should find its way into the library records and become accepted reliable information, the recording of it should leave no opening for the least semblance of doubt or cause for lifting of the eyebrows when analyzing its contents. It is my responsibility to present the facts; for facts and records are the things for which we live and die, and decide our destiny.

This then is the story:

An old recluse by the name of Solomon Saunders had wandered into Northfield in the latter part of the eighteenth century and had gone to an abandoned cabin on the mountain and made his home there. He was left entirely to himself, and the only clues of evidence that he was still in the neighborhood were a whirl of blue smoke rising above the tree tops and an occasional report from the discharge of a shot gun. This latter demonstration gave every indication that he was deriving his sustenance from the air, or retarding the progress and concluding the life span of some unfortunate creature that had crossed his wooded path, or ventured too close to the cabin area.

On rare occasions he was seen in the distance gathering nuts and such wild fruits and berries that served his purpose. After several years in this territory he had met his death in a manner which had the earmarks of foul play.

He was unusually tall and of large bony structure. He had a mat of shaggy gray hair which covered his shoulders, and a long flowing white beard that reached to his boot tops. His face was completely covered with the same hairy texture; and it was almost impossible to locate any part of his face.

except the bulbous tip of a cherry red nose, and the glint of piercing gray eyes that pushed their way through the downy fuzz and long eyebrows which surrounded them. For dress he wore a long blue denim smock which reached well below the knees; for head covering, a grey felt hat that tightly fitted about his scalp. Since he was never seen in the village other descriptive detail is lacking; this, however, is not important and it is quite possible that more description of him would divert attention from the greater issue.

The lead which culminated in the discovery of the old hermit's body in a bad state of preservation caused the town authorities to act quickly in the disposal of the remains. Their first order forbade the population access to or nearer the cabin, then at their command the cabin and its repulsive contents were set ablaze and completely consumed by fire. As a greater precaution against disease quicklime was generously used about the area, and it was hoped that this unpleasant experience would soon be forgotten; but it was not.

It was declared with emphasis that everything which had been done in this matter invited suspicion and encourage retaliation. To strengthen this contention, they cited the prevailing opinion of foul play, the barbarous method used in the disposal of the remains, and a feeling among the inhabitants that some local citizen was being shielded. The place where his ashes were to remain permanently was not designated for such purposes, there had been no form of ritual or ceremony, neither had the Diety been mentioned directly or indirectly. So instead of this mental fire being extinguished, it flared up to greater proportions.

In whispered conversation names were mentioned that might throw more light on the mystery if pressed for information.

(To be continued)

BREEZE

by HAROLD A. BRIEMASTER

Spinning Reels and Women

At the F and F Sport Shop in Greenfield there is an impressive array of fishing equipment and gadgets, all designed to help the angler hook the elusive fish. There is a display of new type spinning equipment which looks like the kind Buck Rogers would use if he had the time to go fishing. These spinning outfits are going to revolutionize the fishing equipment business just at the "new look" has changed the dressmaking industry. Provided with these new rods and spinning lures, fishermen can make mighty casts and can reach those spots where hitherto the big ones have been hiding out of reach.

With luck, a man can still hook a fish with a regular rod and reel, just as a woman with a shorter skirt can still catch her man.

Highway Robbery

The decision of the Massachusetts supreme court to prohibit the use of state gasoline tax revenues to maintain the Boston Transit System lines was hailed by all who are interested in improved roads. The scheme to divert money from the highway fund to cover up Boston deficits was the brainchild of the Governor, heartily seconded by Mayor Curley, who made the endorsement at his vacation hideaway in Nassau. The people of Massachusetts should be grateful that there are clear-thinking judges in the supreme court who will protect them. Governor Dwyer should concentrate on carrying out his campaign pledges. Failing that, he should try to keep the ship of state on an even keel until next election.

Apathy Wanes

The traditional way to dispose of knotty problems in town is to appoint a committee and then proceed to forget the whole thing. This time-honored solution has been used so often and so successfully that when a committee goes to work and shows signs of life, it is real news. The basketball committee of the PTA broke the spell a while ago. After a long and arduous struggle, their efforts resulted in the present basketball court in the town hall, which was used so satisfactorily this past winter. Now the swimming pool committee is drawing up definite proposals to present to the town.

Perhaps committee members are encouraged by the growing interest of the townspeople in community problems. Can it be that the end of the era of apathy is at hand?

County Brotherhood's Men's Clubs to Meet

The Franklin County Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs will hold their spring meeting at the Congregational Church in East Northfield, with Karlton C. Johnson as speaker, on Monday, April 25, at 6:15 p. m.

Mr. Johnson, whose topic is "Brotherhood in Africa", has traveled for nearly twenty years from one end of southern Africa to the other, and is also noted as an educator, librarian, author and social worker. He will also show a sound film in color of African wild life.

The Mount Hermon Triple Quartet, under the direction of Mr. Albert R. Raymond will render several selections.

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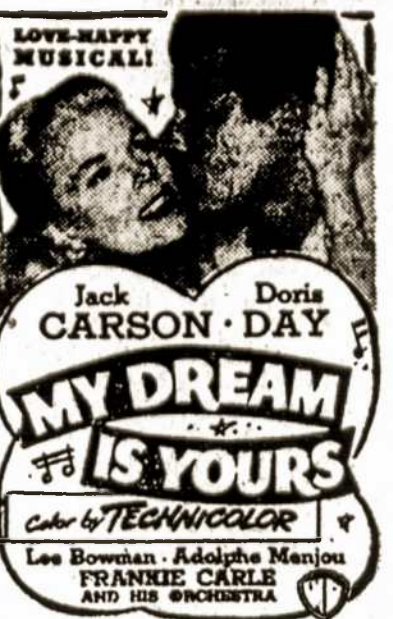
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- 27—Soil Erosion Act passed, 1935
- 28—"Forget-me-not" made official flower of Alaska, 1917
- 29—Union flag flies over New Orleans, 1863

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Town Topics

Curious epitaphs on gravestones are always interesting and Prof. Charles L. Wallis of Keuka College in Keuka Park, N. Y., is making a collection of many in New England. Readers of the PRESS know of any, they are asked to send them to Prof. Wallis.

Miss Ruth Johnson of Brooklyn, N. Y., was registered at the Northfield last week. She made arrangements for reopening her cottage on the Ridge.

Mrs. Stella Chamberlain of Meriden, Conn., visited her cottage on North Lane this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waaser of Queens Village, N. Y., will spend the coming week end at their summer cottage on Woodruff Way.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry Meyer of Fall River, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Nylan of West Concord spent the Easter holiday at their cottage in Mountain Park.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright of Medford and former resident of this town is spending the Easter Week with friends in town. She will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfefferle for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guinness have taken up residence in the former Allen cottage in Mountain Park. Extensive improvements were made on the cottage.

Mrs. Herman Sinsch of Glenover Inn has returned from a two week visit with friends in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Mrs. Mabel Wright of this town who has spent many years in India was the speaker at the meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the Congregational Church at Millers Falls.

Elizabeth A. Birdsall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Birdsall of Mount Hermon, a sophomore at UM has been initiated into Chi Omega sorority.

Mrs. Unto Hantunen has replaced Mrs. Alvin Porter on the P-T-A. nominating committee. The other two members are Paul Thompson and Mrs. Martha Lopez.

Local fishermen were out in full force on the opening day of the fishing season, April 15, and during the following week end. Good luck was reported in most cases — but then some of the big ones got away.

An extensive bit of landscaping has been done on the grounds of the Northfield School for Girls. All shrubbery fronting Moody street, beginning in front of the Post Office continuing down the hill around the corner to Main street and up to the "Homestead", has been removed. The entire area has been leveled, seeded and rolled, and a beautiful view of the rolling campus is now in evidence as you drive along Main or Moody streets.

Mrs. Harold Brismaster, and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Wesley Sargent of Broad Brook, Conn., for several days.

Frank Huber of this town has been awarded the contract to paint the Unitarian Church in Bernardston.

The direction signs on Rustic Ridge were placed in position this week and the map plan will be placed in position about June 1st. Electricity and water have been turned on throughout the Ridge, Mountain Park and the Highlands.

Dr. William E. Park has been named to the public relations committee of the Franklin County Public Hospital.

J. Austin Daly, another sponsor of the Easter morning breakfast, was in New York and was unable to attend.



FREDERICK FOX

Frederick Fox, 52, long time resident of Northfield, died in Springfield, April 15, after a year's illness.

He was in the building and contracting business in Northfield and lived here for thirty years, and seven years ago moved to Springfield, where he was employed by the Westinghouse Company.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Frederick Fox, Sr.

Services took place in Springfield on Monday, April 18, with burial services at the Center Cemetery in Northfield in the afternoon.

It is the duty of Registrar King to enforce the provisions of the April inspection law. Official inspection stations have been provided in your neighborhood. Will you cooperate and get your sticker today? The life you save may be your own.

Migration of Mennonites

Just as their forefathers migrated 150 years ago, so a new band of 51 Mennonites—a religious sect which abhors military force—has begun a migration to Asuncion, Paraguay. In search of a new homeland. This first group traveled via clipper plane from Miami, Fla., and is the vanguard of 1,500 Mennonites who will follow to the South American country, where the religious sect who owns no authority but the Bible and the conscience will take up new lives. The leader of the group explicated their position: "I owned 480 acres of land in Manitoba, Canada," he said. "It wasn't rich land but I made a living. We worked hard. But we cannot carry arms." In Paraguay they have been assured by the government they will be given complete

Latter Days of Jesse James

Life of Jesse James after his "death" makes the early days of this outlaw pale in comparison. After revealing his identity as the famed outlaw, "J. Frank Dalton" confided these adventures to a Chicago woman. After the shooting by which he was popularly believed killed, James toured Europe with a circus. Returning to the U. S. he moved to Indian territory and was appointed U. S. marshal. At one time he chased many of the gangmen with whom he had operated. He went to Brazil with a scientific expedition to study head hunters, fought with the Canadian army in France during World War I and put in a year hunting ivory in Africa. Later he entered a home for Confederate soldiers still under the name of "Dalton."

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.

Sunday, April 24,

9:00 a. m., Junior choir rehearsal.

9:55 a. m., Church School.

10:00 a. m., Meeting of the Standing Committee with candidates for church membership in the Pilgrim Fellowship room.

10:00 a. m., Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m., Public Worship. Sermon subject, "What is Right with the Church?" Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

3:45 to 9:00 p. m., Meeting of the Franklin Association of Congregational Churches in the Orange church.

6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Janet Pearsall will lead the devotional service. Dan Parker, a student at Mt. Hermon, will be guest and speaker.

Monday, April 25,

6:15 p. m., Supper for Franklin County Brotherhoods served in the vestry, Mrs. Philip McNeil, chairman of the supper committee. Following the supper, a short business meeting, the Mt. Hermon Triplet Quartet will sing, and address by Karlton C. Johnson.

Thursday April 28,

6:00 p. m., Spring party of the 20-45 Club. A poverty party of games, square dances, and extremely simple refreshments.

Friday, April 29,

7:45 p. m., A postponed sewing meeting of the Evening Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Fred Pallam.

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Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.

Sunday, April 24,

10:00 a. m., Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Service and Sermon.

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Sunday, April 24,

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will give an illustrated talk in place of the Pastor's sermon. 11:30 a. m., Sunday School. 7:00 p. m., Prayer and Praise. Wednesday, April 27 Mid-week prayer meeting.

Town Topics

Mrs. Virginia B. Raymond is again directing the Greenfield Women's Club Chorus. The group will present a secular concert on May 4, at the Junior High School in Greenfield.

Mrs. Arthur Packard, Rye, N. Y., visited her mother, Mrs. W. R. Moody this week.

The county Red Cross drive fell \$6000 short of its goal, and at the same time Northfield fell below its own quota.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Northfield Farms raised \$241.18 for the Farms Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Blood, of Eight Willowbrook Lane, Worcester, Mass., have announced that they are at home to their many friends in East Northfield.

Mrs. Blood, the former Mildred Howells Miller, of New York and East Northfield was married on October 30, 1948 to Harold L. Blood of Plainfield, N. J. She was graduated from the Rye, N. Y., Seminary and the New York School of Social Work. An artist, she is also a member of the International Institute of New York and the Committee of Human Relations of the New York Council of Church Women. She is a granddaughter of the late Augustus Dennis Shepard, former president of the American Bank Note Company in New York. Her husband was graduated from Cornell University and is a consulting engineer for the Heald Machine Company in Worcester.

Massachusetts farmers are vitally concerned with the current Congressional hearings of price supports. Already on record as favoring a lower, flexible system of supports, the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is opposing attempts to change the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1948 to a rigid 90 percent of parity support.

Veteran Navy PBV Catalinas are virtually the only means of communication between the widely scattered islands and atolls of the Pacific.

F. C. Northfield Club Holds Orange Meeting

Mrs. James McElroy, of Orange will be hostess for the Franklin County Northfield Club, Saturday, April 23, at the Congregational Church, South Main street, Orange. A one dish luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. Each member is asked to bring one dish of six servings.

Following the luncheon Miss Mabel Darrah, Alumnae Secretary of the Northfield School for Girls will show colored films of the Northfield Schools. This will be followed by a white elephant sale, also plastic ware and personal stationery. The proceeds of this sale will go to the Northfield Alumni Fund.

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Ruth R. Stebbins, formerly Ruth Robinson, was born in Greenfield and attended schools there. She was a member of the High School orchestra and band and had the honor of being sent to Chicago to attend the first National High School chorus.

There followed a four-year course at Lowell, Mass., Teachers College where she was president of Student government, and kept up her musical work by singing at various churches in that city. While at Lowell, Miss Robinson was also invited to attend the Chicago Conference of National Music Supervisors as chaperone to a group of high school music students.

She studied with various private teachers, starting under the Coleman fund of Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill, including Royal Darnum, Henry Jackson Warren of Boston, William C. Heller of Lowell, and Amy French Peplin, also of Lowell.

Upon graduation from Lowell with her B. S. in Ed., Miss Robinson undertook two years of summer

playground work in Greenfield. This was followed by one and a half years of teaching at the Pine street school in East Northfield, now the Historical Museum, where she taught the combined second and third grades, and taught music throughout the eight grades.

During the summer Miss Robinson assisted Mrs. Williams, now Mrs. Leonard, and Mr. Lawrence in recreational work for the children whose parents were attending the Northfield Conference.

Shortly after this she became Mrs. Leonard Stebbins and made her home in Northfield, where their three boys are growing up. After an interval, Mrs. Stebbins accepted a post as Music Supervisor for one year in the Northfield Public Schools and then did substituting until this year, when she was appointed second grade teacher upon the dividing of that class.

Naturally she is still active in musical work, being a member of the Greenfield Woman's Club Chorus and soloist for a time with the M. E. Church in Greenfield. At present Mrs. Stebbins is a member of the quartette at the Second Congregational Church there. Northfield is familiar with her voice, as she has sung at many affairs from time to time.

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New Animal Repellent

Will Lessen Free Meals

Animal wildlife will find free lunches fewer and farther between next year. A new product developed by the E. I. du Pont chemical company and tested by the state of Maine fish and game department at its Swan Island wildlife refuge, may be just what farmers have been seeking.

At Swan Island, the new material has been sprayed on leafy crops by biologists who observe that it will not wash off and that a deer, after nipping at the treated leaves, will turn up his nose at future free meals. Certain types of insects also are discouraged by the action of the repellent, researchers revealed.

Crop damage by raiding wild deer runs in excess of \$150,000 annually in some districts of Maine and amounts to millions nationally. The search for satisfactory repellents has been a major project.

Beef Cattle Reported
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Cattlemen feeding the molasses are using a combination of trough and drum molasses for making the material available to their animals. The trough used is 30 inches wide and about 12 feet long.



by Gertrude C. Whitney

I have spoken more than once of the curative effects of working in a garden, not only for toning up the general system, but for the nerves especially. Husbands do not like nervous women, but for some reason or other, those who need the tonic of working in the fresh air, can scarcely be driven outdoors. Then they complain of being so tired but don't know what ails them. What if unused muscles do ache the first few weeks of early planting? The outdoor work is a sure cure for "spring fever" and the unconscious process of breathing more deeply, as one digs or hoes, fills the lungs with fresh air the eyes with a wider horizon, the ears with delightful bird notes and the brain with new ideas. One cannot be selfish and mean in a garden. The expansion permeates one's entire being.

One of the best stimulants to the imagination is to start a rock garden. This should be done first indoors on paper; in fact any plot of ground should be so planned. If it's only for the purpose of setting out a few trees or shrubs, or a rose garden. May I tell you about a charming garden in New Jersey which I visited last June? My cousin's wife is an invalid but she loves her garden and can give the name of every flower and shrub in it. My cousin, who is retired, has given special attention to making this garden a beauty spot for her enjoyment and has spared no expense. It so happened that he could use the vacant lot adjoining the home grounds for this purpose. The fact that it is somewhat lower than the first lot enabled the landscape gardener to devise a charming little rock garden with slightly winding stone steps leading to the lower level. One picked one's way over the water-worn stones, being careful not to tread on mossy sedums poking through the interstices. The rock garden was partially shaded and admitted a variety of low-growing plants, such as primulas and violas and ferns; dwarf irises, dwarf thyme, dwarf veronica, sedums and sempervivums. ("hens and chickens").

At the rear and further sides of the garden were various flowering shrubs with small flowering trees for a background and a border of

perennials, arranged for a succession of bloom. Just below the living room window, extended a long narrow bed of some of the finest tea roses I had ever seen. These were my cousin's special delight. The entire centre of the lot was given over to level greensward.

I have always thought that a garden, of whatever type, should have a motif, a centre of interest, with paths leading to, or around, a bird-bath, pool, artificial waterfall, or just a garden seat, big enough for two, where one's guests may rest beneath a bower of roses, honeysuckle or clematis, and wish to come again.

In arranging the rocks for a rock garden, there should be a striving for naturalness. Nature does not scatter boulders at mathematically exact distances. They roll into place — the bigger the boulder, the farther it rolls. The most satisfactory rocks with which to work, if one is not fortunate enough to have rocky outcrops on one's land, are the long, or irregularly shaped water-worn rocks that one can sometimes find along streams or in swamps.

Having once decided on the general plan of the rock garden and established the paths, one proceeds to build up the sides in layers of gravel, compost and loam, arranging irregular pockets faced with your choicest stones built up high enough to hold back the moisture. Wads of grass roots and broken cement or plaster, stuffed in the chinks, will further prevent seeds and loam from being washed away. You want your ladies' delight and California poppies where you planted them and not coming up in the pathways.

Iris and bird-baths go together. There are so many interesting varieties to be had for the asking, especially in August or early spring, when gardeners are thinning out their beds. Iris, if left too long will become riddled with grass roots. Queen of May, a lovely orchid shade of iris, is a favorite of mine and blooms profusely.

Plan to have some cosmos near enough to the bird-bath so it will partially shade it as it grows up. Next to sunflower seeds, goldfinches love cosmos seeds. I am very fond of the goldfinches and their cheerful "See me!"

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Milky Disease, Chemicals,
Check to Japanese Beetle

Roughly a third of the people of the United States live in states in which the Japanese beetle is now a serious pest. Quarantine has slowed its advance, says the U. S. department of agriculture, but spread is likely to continue until another third of the people have unwillingly made its acquaintance.

At its worst the beetle is an important crop destroyer. The grub stage seriously injures the roots of grass, and the adult beetle feeds on many kinds of flowers, shrubs, and trees in home grounds, parks and pastures. Chemicals and the milky disease are used for control and protection.

Bacteria caused the milky disease which attacks and kills beetle grubs. Inside the bodies of diseased grubs, the bacteria form spores which live for a long time in the soil. Spores mixed with talc can be placed on the turf in recently established infestations. As an increasing number of grubs become infected and die, more spores are left to kill succeeding broods. This accounts for a decline in the beetle. Spore dust may be used at any season except when the soil is frozen.

Research by the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine showed how to manufacture spore dust. Standardized commercial dust supplies 200 million spores to a scant teaspoonful. Spot-planted, this dust gives relatively good protection to turf after a few seasons. The dust does not directly affect adult beetles, but no adults emerge from diseased grubs.

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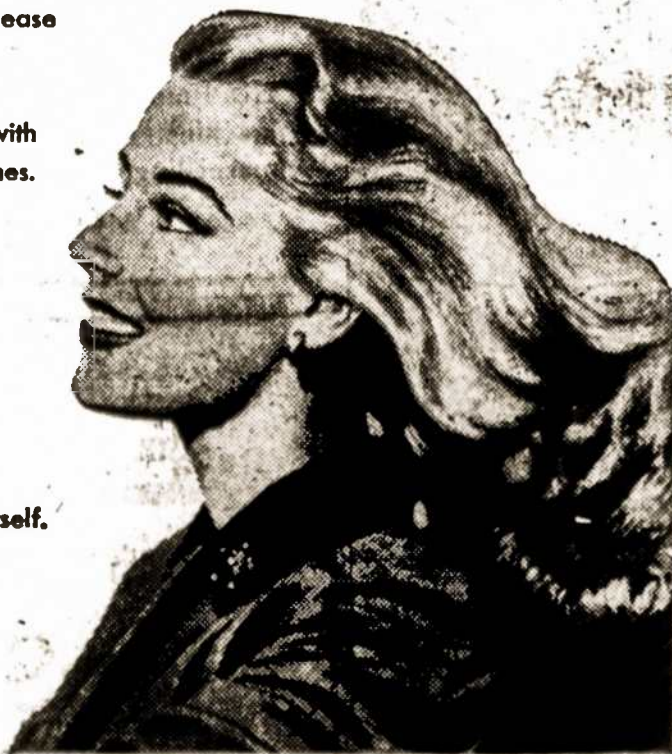
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